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To: Sarah Bell <sarah.bell@lacity.org>

Best regards,

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Can you get more information on the cleaning? I doubt there was no prior notice but lets confirm

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From: **Kathy Huck** <kathy.huck@aboutmyfb.org>
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Hello Councilman Blumenfield and all attached,

I pray that everyone has eaten and slept comfortably this weekend.
I pray that you are all healthy and safe.

My reason for contacting all of you is to alert you that I will not be accepting the grant money from CD 3.

I just received a call from a 25 year old expectant mom, who I'd made arrangements through Kris Freed at LAFH for her and the child's father to get into immediate bridge housing along with expectant another couple. They are not able to make that appointment today, because sanitation has given them 30 minutes to remove all of their belongings before they sweep the entire cul-de-sac. (on Eton off of Vanowen)

Our team was out from 4:30 PM until 9:00 PM on Saturday distributing food and PPE that we purchased and or was donated to us. We spent out of our resources and my pocket over quite a large sum of funds. to insure that folks had proper PPE, tents and up to 6 days of food... which is all about to be taken.

I thought we would be able to work together on sanitation, public safety and community relations between the housed and unhoused. Last week folks we served on Bassett Street (Not the Bike Path) were verbally assaulted by LAPD, one officer threatening to arrest a woman if she didn't get the f8ck out of his face with a flyer detailing the Mayor's new guidelines for those who are living unhoused. Twice last week personal items taken out of her pickup truck and trashed. (this is all on video).

We give and it doesn't cost the tax payer one red cent. Sanitation "SWEEPS" cost the city tens of thousands, which is not fiscally responsible during these lean times. The things that are taken are not only taken from them... but its is taken from all who donate and give... it is taken directly from my pockets. Today I will have to use my personal credit cards to feed these people again, because we all know there are not enough beds for them and many have pets. Why would I accept a \$3000 grant of tax dollars that would be used for items that are going to be picked up in less than 48 hours after distribution by sanitation; that would be irresponsible on my part.

You'd do the community a bigger favor by doing weekly trash pick up and placing proper sanitation receptacles. The truth is these very same unfortunate folks are going to encamp somewhere else until we all learn to work together and resolve the issues humanely and with fiscal responsibility. How do we have time to do this to the most vulnerable people in the city during this health crisis. How can we NOT treat them even more compassionately and humanely?

I am still open to working with you to help curb the impact of those experiencing homelessness and bring any amount of relief to the entire community; but not this way. I wouldn't expect a million dollar grant, if I had to watch 2 expectant moms scrambling on a 30 minute timer to gather the what they can, while people stand by to take what they are not able to carry. I am not in this for the money. I have done this work for 2 decades without ever being financially compensated... AMFB is not one of those "show me the money" nonprofits.

It is my hope that you will put together your own outreach team to replace what is being taken today. It is my prayer that you will compensate the donors who gave to the effort... including the little girl from menschify named Sheyna Rose, who helped her mother sew over \$1300. 00 in PPE expandable masks with filter slots. I hope you will compensate AMFB for the funds we spent on items that were not DONATAED. We shopped at the Restaurant Depot, Costco, Smart & Final and online to distributing: 120 burger patties, 40 lbs of chicken breast strips, 20 lbs of chorizo, 15 dozen eggs and 4 cases of water, bags filled with 2-3 days of canned goods, nonperishable meat (tuna & vienna sausage), snacks, cereal, milk, orange juice, fruit cups, oranges, apples, 50 disposable masks and 300 pairs of gloves and 3 tents! (We do not distribute almost expired food, we buy fresh... we never give anyone anything that we would not sit down and eat with them)

By the Grace of God we are serving more people with balanced meals and proper PPE during this pandemic and now I am disappointed to know that we are being thwarted by the city.

In closing I want to say that I am not angry, but I am sorely disappointed. I apologize to everyone who pushed for us to get this grant. Please do not add my video footage to the compilation of those praising CD 3's efforts to help the unhoused. I would feel very conflicted and I am not a hypocrite. I cannot accept \$3000 on behalf of About My Father's Business, but I appreciate your consideration.

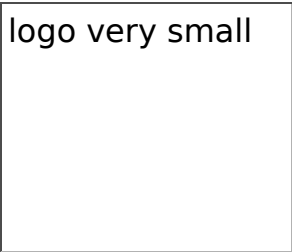
What do you all want for these folks? Food, Water PPE SLEEPING BAGS.... OR BODY BAGS?

We are talking about human lives... not human refuse. Where are these people going to go?

"Whoever gives to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." ~Proverbs 19:17

I pray that God continues to keep us safe, healthy, well fed and sleeping comfortable each night.

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